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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOVIET VETO KILLS UN RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS: THE SOVIET UNION LAST NIGHT VETOED THE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE AUTHORIZED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE CYPRUS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA DECLARATION. THE RESOLUTION RECEIVED 12 FAVORABLE VOTES AND TWO AGAINST--THE SOVIET UNION AND BELORUSSIA, CHINA NOT PARTICIPATING. BEFORE THE VOTE, THE SOVIET DELEGATION CLAIMED THAT IT NEEDED TIME TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS, AND MALIK THREATENED A VETO IF THE ISSUE WAS PRESSED TO A DECISION THAT DAY. LATER, SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM REPORTED ON HIS POST-SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH MALIK, AND HIS BELIEF THAT HE HAD PERSUADED MALIK ON THE NEED FOR URGENT ACTION TO STOP THE FIGHTING ON CYPRUS. WALDHEIM IS OPTIMISTIC THAT MALIK WILL NOT RAISE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AT TODAY'S MEETING. USUN, HOWEVER, NOTES THAT MALIK IS SC PRESIDENT FOR AUGUST AND WILL PROBABLY REPEAT HIS PAST PERFORMANCES IN THAT
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POSITION AS A TROUBLEMAKER. (STATE)

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2. SENTIMENT FROM GREEK CYPRIOT "INS" AND "OUTS": A SAMPLING OF GREEK CYPRIOT ESTABLISHMENT OPINION INDICATES:

--UNANIMITY OF SENTIMENT AGAINST MAKARIOS' RETURN, PARTICULARLY AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CLERIDES CABINET. THIS GENERAL SENTIMENT BECOMES MORE QUALIFIED AS ONE MOVES FARTHER AWAY FROM THE POLITICAL RIGHT. FEAR OF CIVIL WAR IS A MAJOR CONSIDERATION FOR CENTRISTS OPPOSED TO HIS RETURN.

--STRONG SUPPORT FOR CLERIDES.

--A DIFFICULT POSITION FOR CLERIDES, WHO MUST HOLD TOGETHER A BROAD CONSTITUENCY WITHOUT LOSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CENTER, OR ALLOWING THE RIGHT TO CONSOLIDATE. (STATE)

3. CUBA AND THE OAS:

A. COLOMBIA FAVORS "PROCEDURAL CONSULTATION"... PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ TOLD AMBASSADOR VAKY THAT HE IS NOT CONTEMPLATING ANY UNILATERAL MOVES ON CUBA, BUT HE DOES FEEL UNDER PUBLIC PRESSURE "TO DO SOMETHING" AND THEREFORE PROPOSES TO ANNOUNCE THAT COLOMBIA WILL CO-SPONSOR A MOVE TO STUDY THE CUBAN SANCTIONS ISSUE. LOPEZ SUGGESTED THAT THE OAS MIGHT HAVE A STUDY COMMISSION TAKE THREE MONTHS TO REPORT TO THE OAS FOR ACTION, PRESUMABLY IN NOVEMBER. (STATE)

B. ...WHILE VENEZUELA MAY CALL FOR OAS COUNCIL MEETING: COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO REPORTED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE VENEZUELAN POSITION IS NOW TO CALL FOR AN OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING WITHIN ONE WEEK. THE COUNCIL WOULD THEN ESTABLISH A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION ON CUBA TO REPORT BACK IN THREE MONTHS. (STATE)

4. ALLIES URGE TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE ON FEA: AT THE BONN GROUP MEETING JULY 31, THE UK, FRENCH AND FRG REPRESENTA-
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TIVES STRESSED THE URGENCY WITH WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER THE NEED TO REGISTER TRIPARTITE VIEWS STRONGLY AND FORMALLY WITH THE SOVIETS IN AN EARLY DEMARCHE. THE GERMANS ASSUME THE RUSSIANS WANT TO AVOID A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION; THE SOVIETS MIGHT, HOWEVER, FIND A HARD IMAGE USEFUL AT A TIME WHEN THEY HAVE SUFFERED SOME LOSS OF REPUTATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY MAY ALSO BE REALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE WHOLE ISSUE OF

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FRG PRESENCE WITH THE ALLIES. (STATE)

5. POSSIBLE OUSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM UN--FRENCH VIEWS: THE QUAI FEELS UNGA PRESIDENT (AND ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER) BOUTEFLIKA WILL FOLLOW PRECEDENT AND ALLOW SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNGA DESPITE THE EXPECTED CREDENTIALS REJECTION, BUT DOES NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY BE FORCED TO YIELD TO--OR EVEN BE OVERRIDDEN BY--THE AFRICANS. ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH POSITION ON ANY SC VOTE ON THIS MATTER IS NOT YET FIXED, THEY FEEL THEY WILL PROBABLY VETO ANY RESOLUTION DEMANDING SANCTIONS, BUT ALLOW A SIMPLE EXPULSION RESOLUTION TO PASS. (STATE)

6. HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR TALKS PROGRESS: HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER BATRES TOLD AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES' DELEGATIONS MEETING AT FORT LAUDERDALE HAVE MADE VISIBLE PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLING THE BORDER DISPUTE. BATRES DESCRIBED THE SALVADORIAN ATTITUDE AS "CONSTRUCTIVE" AND PREDICTED FUTURE MEETINGS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SALVADORIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO. (STATE)

7. POLICE ARREST OPPOSITION LEADER CHEDDI JAGAN: THE HEAD OF GUYANA'S PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) WAS CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION AND COMPONENT PARTS OF A PISTOL, FOLLOWING A THOROUGH SEARCH OF BOTH HIS HOME AND PPP HEADQUARTERS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO TIGHTEN ITS CONTROL OVER PPP ACTIVITIES AND TO DETER OPPOSITION VIOLENCE. TO KEEP THIS STRATEGY FROM BACKFIRING, THE GOVERNMENT MUST AVOID MARTYRING JAGAN, THEREBY STIRRING UP THE EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY, WHICH STILL VIEWS HIM IN RACIAL

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TERMS AS THEIR LEADER. (STATE) KISSINGER

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